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Pastor's Salary	-----	\$2,172.00
Janitor	-----	180.00
Choir	-----	120.00
Heat and Light	-----	185.00
Taxes	-----	158.30
Insurance	-----	75.00
Vacation Supply	-----	50.00

The budget items have been carefully considered and support. Please plan to be present, with morning. Dr. Murdock McLeod, able speaker and about the Church. The canvassers will be dedicated pray and rejoice in the service of our Lord and His

Plan also to be at home during the afternoon gladly explain matters in further detail, if you so desire this particular time, the canvassers will be prepared

We count, with pleasure and gratitude, on your work of our Community Church.

Very cordially yours

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A MANIFESTED MYSTERY.

1 Tim. 3:16 Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

INTRO:

The current opinion that because religion deals with spiritual things, the unseen powers—God, life, personality, character, etc., religious people and spiritual leaders are more or less dreamers who ~~live~~ live in the realm of mystery, more or less impractical and indefinite.

A man makes a plan and builds a house out of certain materials. No mystery there. He is dealing with tangible things and has definite results to show for his efforts. Nevertheless this builder has been handling mysteries as profound as ~~as are wrapped up with the term religion.~~ The very materials he uses for his building purposes are hidden in mystery so far as their history and origin go. Where did they come from? How were they formed? The electricity with which he lights his house, just what is it? does anyone know? We take ~~these~~ things for granted and then proceed to apply them for practical purposes. And that is just what we do with matters pertaining to religion—we take certain great mysteries for granted, and by applying them according to our personal needs we get certain results just as definite as does the builder of a house.

I. ~~Obtext~~ declares that godliness is a great mystery, and so it is! In the Bible godliness towers above everything else. To be a saint transcends being a genius of any kind. To be a godly man or woman is to be greater than a Shakespeare, a Beethoven, a Titian or an Edison.

Pascal says there are three greatnesses, that of bulk, that of mind, and that of heart.

The heart is the greatest of the three. Character is the highest achievement of man.

The Bible speaks of two mysteries- the mystery of iniquity and the mystery of godliness.

Sin is a mystery, baffling to the thinking mind. So is godliness. One who is a godly man is a living miracle. "Great is the mystery of godliness.

II. Godliness is also an incarnate mystery. "Manifest in the flesh."

The Church must not merely dwell upon the abstract and abstruse principles that underlie and determine godliness; she has the more specific declaration to make that godliness has been incarnated in the flesh. Before godliness could become a power in this world it had to be incarnated. In Jesus Christ we have manifest the mystery of godliness. ~~He is the incarnation of God's goodness and love.~~ In Christ we have the infinite God personalized and made definite.

Likewise ~~the~~ godliness must be made manifest within us if we would enjoy its power and blessing. The Christian virtues must be personalized and practiced before they can transform us into Xn character.

The incarnation of godliness in Jesus Christ ~~the~~ appears in history as a great surprise. No discovery of electricity or invention such as the aeroplane or radio was more startling than the simple life of Jesus Christ as lived 2000 yrs ago in Palestine. People said, "The man is out of place, he is in discord with his age, if he is right, the world is wrong." and the world crucified him. They felt justified in doing so for they reasoned that this man would upset the very foundations of human society. And so he would!